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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: BLUM  
For: METHOD FOR PREVENTING FRAUD IN COIN-OPERATED OR BANKNOTE-OPERATED VENDING MACHINES

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Enclosed are the following:

- [ ] Letter: SUBMISSION OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION  
[X] Specification 10 pages; Claims 4 pages; Abstract 1 page.  
[X] Declaration and Power of Attorney  
[X] Sheet(s) of drawings 4 pages  
[X] An assignment of the invention to: HARTING Vending GmbH & Co. KG  
[X] A certified copy of German application No. 102 35 120.1, filed August 1, 2002  
[X] A certified copy of German application No. 102 37 474.0, filed August 16, 2002  
[ ] Information Disclosure Statement  
[X] Preliminary Amendment

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 by way of German patent application No. 102 35 120.1 filed August 1, 2002. and German patent application No. 102 37 474.0 filed August 16, 2002

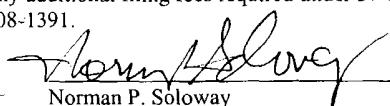
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